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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 5118

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR COOPER

E O 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (JOHN SHERMAN COOPER)

SUBJ: AMBASSADOR COOPER'S CONSULTATIONS

REF: BERLIN 5083

1. THE WEEK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 2 AND POSSIBLY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, WILL BE A PERIOD WHEN IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO SECURE APPOINTMENTS BEFORE CONGRESS CLOSES DOWN FOR LINCOLN DAY EVENTS. TO ENSURE BEST USE OF TIME AND MAXIMUM APPOINTMENTS I PLAN TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 29. I COULD MEET LATE THAT AFTERNOON, FRIDAY OR SATURDAY, FOR A SHORT DISCUSSION WITH YOU
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AND SUCH OTHERS AS YOU DESIGNATE.

2. I THINK IT BETTER THAT I MAKE MY APPOINTMENTS AS
FOLLOWS:

- (A) SENATE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS;
- (B) HOUSE MINORITY LEADER RHODES;
- (C) HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER, IF DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT
APPROPRIATE;
- (D) SENATORS SPARKMAN AND CASE; REPRESENTATIVES
MORGAN AND BLOOMFIELD; SENATOR STENNIS AND
REPRESENTATIVE MEL PRICE; AND
- (E) OTHERS AS MAY BE SUGGESTED.

3. I WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE INVITATIONS FOR INFORMAL
MEETINGS WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS, AND HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES AND, IF APPROPRIATE,
WITH SOME MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE ARMED SERVICES
COMMITTEES. I WOULD ALSO TRY TO SEE MEMBERS OF BOTH
PARTIES WITH WHOM I HAVE HAD ASSOCIATION AND ANY OTHERS
SUGGESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

4. I HAVE READ ALL OF YOUR SPEECHES AND PRESS
CONFERENCES, AND COULD DISCUSS ISSUES AS THEY APPEAR
FROM EXPERIENCE HERE AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS THE
DEPARTMENT MAY ADVISE. I MUST SAY THAT ALL I MAY BE
ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH IS TO SECURE A JUDGEMENT AS TO THE
MOOD AND POSITIONS OF THE CONGRESS BUT, OF COURSE, THAT
IS A MATTER I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ON THURSDAY,
FRIDAY OR SATURDAY AS I HAVE SUGGESTED ABOVE.

5. WHEN TIME MAY BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN
CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS, I WOULD LIKE TO
DISCUSS BRIEFLY US POLICIES TOWARD THE GDR FOR THE
YEAR 1976 WITH YOU AND OTHERS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

6. AT SOME TIME DURING MY STAY I PROPOSE TO SECURE
APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY
RUMSFELD, CHIEFLY ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS.

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